

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 8, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2007.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending Irish comedian, author and actor Ardal O'Hanlon on his first visit to Somerville.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

4. Resolution By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, Offering sincerest best wishes for the speedy recovery of Somerville resident Adam Devine, injured last month while serving in Iraq.
5. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking assign a Parking Control Officer to the Glen St. and Franklin St. sides of the Capuano School during morning admittance and afternoon dismissal and cite anyone violating any traffic laws including blocking or partially blocking any driveway and/or double parking.
6. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Health bait for rodents and inspect for violations of the trash ordinance, on Chester Ave., halfway up Otis St. at the Cross St. end, and near 42 Crescent St.
7. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD coordinate with the B&M Railroad to bait their property adjacent to Chester Ave. for rodents.

8. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols on East Broadway and peripheral areas, from dawn to dusk, to arrest anyone defacing property with graffiti.
9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate making a continuation of Central St. as a one-way street from Summer to Medford Sts.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce No Parking Within 20 Feet of an Intersection regulations at Central and Cleveland Sts.
11. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider making Cleveland St. a permit parking street.
12. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded Sterling St. sign at Alewife Brook Pkwy.
13. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police increase patrols around Endicott, Garrison, and Farragut Aves. and Victoria, Waterhouse and Woodstock Sts. during late night/early morning hours.
14. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform NStar that the double pole at North St. and Raymond Ave. has not been removed. (multiple requests)
15. Order By Ald. Trane, That the City Solicitor use whatever means necessary to force the property owners at Powder House Blvd. and Curtis St. to remove the deceased tree that overhangs the public way.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston, The Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works monitor Joy St. for illegal dumping of tires, automotive parts and trash on the street and sidewalk, and post signs prohibiting such dumping.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking ticket and tow vehicles parked on the sidewalk or otherwise impacting pedestrian safety on Poplar, Linwood, Chestnut and Joy Sts.
18. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Environmental Programs Manager report to the Committee on Environment and Energy his progress in inventorying city buildings relative to their environmental impact and sustainability.
19. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 6 Alderman the policy for providing visitor passes for gatherings at people's homes, and why there is a cut off on how many passes are provided.

20. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Climate Action Committee meet with the Committee on Environment and Energy about how their activities could be better coordinated to facilitate energy efficiency.
21. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration better publicize that CFL light bulbs should be recycled the 2nd Saturday in April, from 9 AM to Noon.
22. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Communications update the city's website dealing with household hazardous waste to reflect that CFL lightbulbs should not be disposed of in the regular trash.
23. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works develop a more convenient method of recycling old CFL light bulbs to promote their proper disposal.
24. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works investigate whether Russell Disposal is in violation of Ordinance 9-116 by emptying dumpsters between 7 PM and 7 AM and if so, fine them.
25. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole at 34 Liberty Ave.
26. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 6 Alderman the policy on posting renderings of future buildings at construction sites.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded street parking signs on Clyde St.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor appear before the Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss ways to force CVS to adhere to the lease provision to maintain a safe parking lot in Magoun Sq.
29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD contact the Ward 5 Alderman to arrange for the Neighborhood Inspection Team to visit a site on Trull St.
30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss the tree planting schedule for this Spring and Summer.
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the Ward 5 Alderman to schedule a meeting with the Garden Club to discuss the maintenance of lower Highland Rd.

- 32. Order By Ald. White, That a representative of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the programs funded by the MPO under the Transportation Improvement Program.
- 33. Order By Ald. White, That a representative of SPCD appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss Federal Realty Investment Trust's application for funding under the state's "I-cubed" Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 34. Committee Report of the Committee on Environment and Energy, Feb. 26.
Report
- 35. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, Feb. 27.
Report
- 36. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use meeting in joint session with the Planning Board, Mar. 1.
Report
- 37. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 27.
Report
- 38. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Mar. 6.
Report
- 39. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, Feb. 28.
Report
- 40. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Mar. 7
Report
- 41. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, Mar. 7.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the City to abandon a small triangle of land in Assembly Sq.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Consent Agreement required under the Land Disposition Agreement for The Conwell School for certain changes to the VNA Project.

44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$5,000 transfer from the Condominium Review Board Salaries Acct. to the SPCD Parks Reconstruction Acct.
45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend an \$8,000 grant from the Cambridge Health Alliance Public Health Dept. for the 5 City Tobacco Control Collaborative, for recruitment and training.
46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$5,700 grant from Federal Realty Investment Trust to fund the City's participation in the 2007 BIO International Convention.
47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$325 from Ronco Communications for work completed at Fire Prevention and at East Somerville Community School.
48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a one-year extension of the recycling contract with Casella Waste (FCR Recycling).
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an Ordinance to create a Somerville Municipal Athletic Facilities Commission.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board vacate the re-appointment of Mary Griffin to the Housing Authority on Sept. 8, 2005, because certain procedural requirements were not followed.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the appointment of Barry Rafkind to the Human Rights Commission.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the appointment of Ian Judge to the Historic Preservation Commission.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the re-appointment of Robert Sweeney as Constable.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the re-appointment of Jill Roderhiser as a Sworn Weigher.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the re-appointment of Robert Rich as a Sworn Weigher.
56. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the appointment of Delio Susi and James Norton to the Assembly Square Public Advisory Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

57. Public Occ Public Property Occupancy Permit, Dahn Holistic Fitness Martial Arts Demonstration, Davis Sq. Statue Park, March 31, 12-2PM (Raindate April 7).
58. Public Occ Public Property Occupancy Permit, Step It Up Somerville Rally, Davis Sq. Statue Park, April 14, 10AM-2PM.
59. Public Occ Public Property Occupancy Permit, M.O.M.'s 5K Run for Cancer, Summer St. to Davis Sq., May 13, 10AM.
60. Drainlayer New Drain Layers License, Roto Rooter Service Co. dba Chemed Corp.
61. Drainlayer New Drain Layers License, Advanced Water & Sewer.
62. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Foreign Body Works Inc., 593 Somerville Ave., No Autos.
63. Junk Dealer Renewal of Junk Dealer License, Atlas Junk Co., 475 Columbia St.
64. Junk Dealer Renewal of Junk Dealer License, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.
65. Outdoor Parking Renewal of Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 498 Columbia St., 61 Autos.
66. Outdoor Parking Renewal of Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 490 Columbia St., 15 Autos.
67. Ordinance Ten registered voters requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances for Union Sq. PUD C, PUD C-1, and Arts Overlay District.
68. Ordinance Ten registered voters requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances for Union Sq. to reduce the affordable housing site aside for artist's housing.
69. Ordinance Ten registered voters requesting approval of an amendment to increase the affordable housing requirement to 15% in Union Sq.
70. Comm. Courtney Koslow Re: Maxpak Project on Clyde St.
71. Comm. Jessica Brown & Derrick Rodgers Re: Maxpak Project on Clyde St.
72. Comm. Rebecca Zacks & Zachary Kron Re: Maxpak Project on Clyde St.

73. Comm. Alan & Hannah Henderson Re: Maxpak Project on Clyde St.

LATE ITEMS